

Award of the IB Diploma

The IB Diploma is a 2 year course of study. All IB students study 6 subjects from different academic areas of which 3 are studied at higher level and 3 at standard level. IB subjects are graded on a 1- 7 scale with 7 being the highest score. To qualify for the award of the IB Diploma a student must receive a combined score of 24 points across 6 subjects with at least 12 points from higher level subjects and a minimum of 9 points from standard level subject.

In addition to the 6 subjects, IB Diploma students are required to complete three Core elements – Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay, and CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service).

The maximum points that can be awarded to an IB Diploma student is the full score of 45 with 42 points generated across the 6 subjects and 3 bonus points derived from Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay. To be eligible for the award of the Diploma students must receive at least a D in Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay as explained in the table below:

Theory of Knowledge						
	Excellent A	Good B	Satisfactory C	Mediocre D	Elementary E	Not Submitted
Excellent A	3	3	2	2	1+ Failing condition*	N
Good B	3	2	1	1	Failing condition*	N
Satisfactory C	2	1	1	0	Failing condition*	N
Mediocre D	2	1	0	0	Failing condition*	N
Elementary E	1+ Failing condition*	Failing condition*	Failing condition*	Failing condition*	Failing condition*	N
Not Submitted	N	N	N	N	N	N



What is the CORE and how is it assessed?

The Core comprises Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay and CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service).

Theory of Knowledge is 100 hour course taught over 2 years about critical thinking and inquiry into the nature of knowledge. It is assessed through an oral presentation and a 1600-word essay.

The Extended Essay is a 4000-word independent research essay into a topic that the student is interested in. The student is guided by a supervisor.

CAS is a journey of self-discovery in which students participate in a range of activities to meet eight learning outcomes.

Example One: Subjects Selected from all 6 Groups			
	Subject	Level	Grade
GROUP 1	English A Literature	HL	7
GROUP 2	French B	SL	6
GROUP 3	History	HL	7
GROUP 4	Biology	SL	6
GROUP 5	Maths	SL	6
GROUP 6	Visual Arts	HL	7
Theory of Knowledge		A	3
Extended Essay		A	
TOTAL POINTS		42	

An IB score of 42 is equivalent to an ATAR of 99.40

Example Three: Studying two humanities subjects			
	Subject	Level	Grade
GROUP 1	English A Literature	SL	4
GROUP 2	French	SL	5
GROUP 3	Global Politics	HL	6
GROUP 4	Biology	HL	4
GROUP 5	Maths Studies	HL	5
GROUP 6	Geography	SL	4
Theory of Knowledge		C	1
Extended Essay		C	
TOTAL POINTS		29	

An IB score of 29 is equivalent to an ATAR of 82.15

Example Two: the Double Science Option			
	Subject	Level	Grade
GROUP 1	English A Literature	SL	5
GROUP 2	Spanish ab initio	SL	6
GROUP 3	Economics	HL	6
GROUP 4	Chemistry	HL	7
GROUP 5	Maths	HL	6
GROUP 6	Biology	SL	6
Theory of Knowledge		A	2
Extended Essay		B	
TOTAL POINTS		38	

An IB score of 38 is equivalent to an ATAR of 96.75

University Recognition and Scholarships

A full score of 45 points is equivalent to an ATAR of 99.95. The average IB score worldwide is 30 points and is equivalent to an ATAR of 84.65.

Universities often award bonus points or credit exemptions for IB students' language and Maths options. For instance:

- ❖ UWA welcomes IB students with a total score of 27 points for entry to Bachelor of Arts, Biomedical Science, and Commerce with an adjustment to 26 points for second language and Maths at higher or standard level.
- ❖ University of Queensland offers up to one semester (8 units) of credit to IB students attaining a score of 6 in most higher level subjects.
- ❖ Curtin University may offer Credit Recognised Learning (CRL) for subjects scores of 6 or above.
- ❖ Griffith University recognizes the rigour of the IB Diploma programme and offers students the opportunity to fast-track their studies. IB Diploma students may also be eligible for the Dean's Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship.
- ❖ University of Melbourne's Chancellor's Scholars Program is available to students who complete the IB in Australia
- ❖ Deakin University's International Baccalaureate Scholarship is available to Australian citizens.